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11. (SBU) MEA Deputy Secretary (UN Economic and Social) Prashant Pise told Poloff on March 7 in response to reftel demarche that the MEA's legal division was preparing the ratification process for the Third Additional Protocol to the Geneva Conventions. "We will sign it," he stated, but did not give a date for signature. He added that India will continue to support efforts to implement the Protocol in future meetings and conferences, including at the June conference in Geneva to amend the statutes of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

12. (U) Visit New Delhi's Classified Website:
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